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| 44 | -do- | Fazabad |
| 45 | -do- | Breilly |
| 46 | -do- | Jhansi |
| 47 | -do- | Kurukshetra |
| 48 | -do- | Daltonganj |
| 49 | KW FM Transmitter | Daltonganj |

**Problem of groundnut cultivation in Andhra Pradesh**

1854 DR NARREDDY THULASI REDDY Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Technology Mission on Oil seeds is aware of the crisis, the groundnut farmers are facing in Rayalseema area of Andhra Pradesh, and

(b) if so, what are the steps proposed to be taken to rescue them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) (a) The Technology Mission on Oilseeds has not been informed of any crisis being faced by groundnut farmers in Rayalseema area of Andhra Pradesh The groundnut crop in Rabi / Summer in Rayalseema area is reported to be good and healthy

As per the information available, prices of groundnut are currently ruling above support price at different centres in Andhra Pradesh

(b) Does not arise

**Supportive price for groundnut**

1855. DR NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the prevailing supportive price fixed for groundnuts,

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration for enhancing this supportive price; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) (a) Government of India has fixed the minimum support price for groundnut-in-shell (fair average quality) of 1988-89 season at Rs 430 per quintal

(b) and (d) The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices has submitted its Report on Price Policy for Kharif Crops including groundnut, of 1989-90 season The Report is under consideration

**Crisis faced by cotton growers in Andhra Pradesh**

1856 DR NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the crisis faced by the Cotton growers in Andhra Pradesh and the inefficiency of the Cotton Corporation of India in purchasing the Cotton, and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to rescue the Cotton growers in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV). (a) Government is aware of the crisis faced by Cotton growers in Andhra Pradesh which was mainly due to the incidence of pests in certain pockets The prices of cotton were 40 to 100% higher than minimum support prices and hence Cotton Corporation of India had no occasion for undertaking price support operations

(b) Necessary steps to import pesticides reported to be effective against pests have been taken. The Cotton Corporation of India has also been directed to keep constant watch on cotton prices and take necessary steps to enter the market if situation warrants

**Inclusion of Andhra Pradesh under Special Rice Production Programme**

1857. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to include Andhra Pradesh under special Rice Production Programme (SRPP); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) (a) and (b) For increasing the production and productivity of rice in Andhra Pradesh a Special Foodgrains Production Programme Rice, is already under implementation in the State from 1988-89 The districts covered under the scheme includes, East Godavari, West Godavari, Chittoor, Nalgonda, Khammam, karimnagar, Nellore and Warrangal.

**Digging of tubewells**

1858. PROE. G. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tube wells dug during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 in different parts of the country, year-wise and State-wise, and

(b) what percentage of targets of tube wells have been completed during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) (a) and (b) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production has a component of Minor Irrigation works which *inter-alia* includes dugwells, wells, shallow tubewells, filter points, village ponds, percolation ponds, surface storage structures etc. Therefore no specific targets are fixed for the construction of tubewells under the scheme. However, for Special Foodgrains Production Programme about 6 lakh shallow tubewells/dugwells were proposed during 1988-89. A Statement indicating number of shallow tubwells/dugwells constructed in the selected States is given in Statement.